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Just one of the many folks who got a bird's eye view Sunday at the ninth annual Adams Morgan Day festival.

Ethnic fest a success!!! Adams Morgan has an international spice

Jennifer Cetta
Asst. News Editor

There is only one place in Washington where at one time you can become completely immersed in an international feast for the eye, ear and the palate: Adams Morgan on Adams Morgan Day.

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For the past nine years, Washingtonians and people from neighboring states have gathered for the annual event at the intersection of 18th Street and Columbia Road, NW. Most Washingtonians already recognize the area for its rich ethnic flavor reflected in its many restaurants. The area boasts some of the city's best Thai, Ethiopian, and Columbian cuisine.

More than 9,000 people turned out at noon for this year's celebration and remained past the scheduled 9:00 p.m. closing time. Although

attendance numbers were considerably smaller than those of past festivals, organizers still called Sunday's event a success.

The sunny weather, a welcome sight to merchants who suffered losses at last year's rain-soaked festival, favored visitors who crowded streets and sidewalks. Clothing merchant Bill Griffiths, a former University of Maryland professor who now sells imported South American clothing, commented, "We only sold four sweaters last year because of the rain. Even though today has been a little slow, the weather's great and we expect a bigger turnout this evening."

But the small turnout couldn't keep celebrities away. Bugs Bunny made a guest appearance. So did well-known local entertainers including the Neville Brothers and the Heartbreakers. There was enough music to entertain even the most discriminating listeners, who could rock to the sounds of big band music or move to the rhythms of African bongo drums.

Charlie's Roots, a lively calypso band featuring lead singer David Rudder competed for the attention of passersby with a harem of colorfully-clad "Sahara dancers." Jazz singer Bill Harris, the Junkyard Band, and the Ink Spots were also featured throughout the day.

One of the most intriguing floor shows, (See FESTIVAL, p.9)

Security seizes student ID cards at Smith Center

by Robyn Walensky
Hatchet Staff Writer

Some GW students were rudely surprised last week when entering the Smith Center. Security officers have been confiscating student identification cards which lacked Fall-1986 registration stickers.

Approximately 15-20 invalid identification cards were confiscated every day since Tuesday, Peller said. Smith Center personnel denied entrance to students who did not have Fall 1986 stickers but did not confiscate any IDs.

Michael Peller, acting director of the Smith Center, asked security officers to be present at the Smith Center from 4-8 p.m., when use of the center is heaviest, to cut down on the use of the facilities by unregistered students.

Peller said that in past years the Smith Center had problems at the beginning of the semester with people trying to gain access to the building without the proper identification.

He asked for a security officer "because the managers had expressed difficulty in the past with the IDs. The request for an officer would be helpful."

"Security was requested by Mr. Peller to assist his staff in the confiscation of invalid IDs," Director of Safety and Security Curtis Goode said. "An invalid ID is like an expired driver's license—it is not of any legitimate use. It's standard procedure to confiscate invalid IDs, regardless of location."

According to Peller, the last day that a student could enter the Smith Center without a Fall 1986 sticker was September 2. "The bulk of students have registered," he said. "We feel the second of September would be ample time to register."

Students must meet immunization requirements before receiving a validation sticker. However, Dean of Students Gail Short Hanson said the confiscation of (See IDs, p.9)

Early freshman totals down from last year

by Geoff Brown
News Editor

Preliminary totals for this year's freshman class are down by almost 300 students from last fall, and are almost exactly what admissions officials had hoped for this spring, according to figures released Friday by the Registrar's office.

The class of 1990, with 1,144 full-time students, is considerably smaller than last year's record freshman class of 1,420. Admissions Director George W.G. Stoner predicted last May that 1,160 students would register for classes this fall.

Registrar J. Matthew Gaglione, who replaced Theodore Grimm on July 1, said he does not expect the number of freshmen to in-

crease much with the addition of those who may have registered last week during late registration.

Gaglione said two-thirds of the freshman class registered during Summer Advanced Registration (SARP) in June and July. One-third are mostly foreign students who could not complete registration until August. Gaglione said he expects few of them to have registered late.

GW's total enrollment for full-time and part-time, graduate and undergraduate students was 15,192 as of the end of regular registration, the Registrar's Office reported.

Last year's total enrollment, including late registration, was 17,564. Gaglione said this year's (See FRESHMEN, p.7)

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GW campus plan to face BZA Wednesday

by Jim Clarke
Editor-in-Chief

GW's plans for long-term real estate acquisitions in Foggy Bottom face a major hurdle Wednesday when the "Campus Plan for the Year 1985 Through the Year 2000" is submitted to the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for approval.

The hearing, which is expected to last all day, pits the University against several Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhood groups, who have fought GW real estate deals since the 1960's.

The BZA will be reviewing a 200-page document prepared by GW earlier this year which outlines the University's projected growth and land acquisitions until the turn of the century. GW will try to buy every available piece of land between Pennsylvania Avenue, 19th Street, Virginia

Avenue, and 24th Street, and it seeks to eliminate all residential housing within these borders, the plan says.

But the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and The President Condominium Association will try to block the plan's approval Wednesday.

"The proposed campus plan fails to demonstrate ... that further University development will not adversely affect residential property in Foggy Bottom," reads a report to the Zoning Board from the ANC.

University officials met with area residents twice this summer in a good-will effort to try to explain the plan. A May 27 meeting did little to clear the air and produced quotes such as "They're a bunch of con artists," and "All you really want is more

real estate," from disgruntled residents.

The ANC objects to the plans for several reasons, including a feared increase in noise, parking problems, taller University buildings, proposed street closings and the elimination of "the residential character of the area."

The President Condominium Association opposes the plan because it would allow GW to build a commercial building on Pennsylvania Avenue, between 21st and 22nd Streets, NW, behind the President. That neighborhood group is already engaged in a legal battle with the University over the Health Maintenance Organization building, which is under construction at the corner of 22nd and Eye Streets.

GW contends that its real estate acquisitions benefit the neighborhood by acting as a buf-

fer between the quieter neighborhood of Foggy Bottom and the busy K Street retail/office corridor.

Vice President and Treasurer Charles E. Diehl, GW's point man in zoning battles with neighborhood groups, said this summer that many of the ANC's fears are based on a worst-case scenario. GW will probably never own all the land within its boundaries because some of the buildings will never be up for sale.

Georgetown was the last university to present a campus plan to the BZA. Their request for a 15-year approval was cut to five years after the BZA weighed neighborhood concerns.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in room nine of the District Building at 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

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9/9: Wooden Teeth, GW's student literary arts magazine, holds its first organizational meeting. All are welcome! Marvin Center 416, 7:30 pm. Call Maimun at x2181.

9/9: International Student Services sponsors Luncheon Ongoing Orientation Series (LOOS) with the topic "Understanding These Americans: Learning to Live in Another Culture." Bring lunch, we supply beverage and dessert. Marvin Center 407, 12 noon to 1 pm. Call Ann at x6860 for more info.

9/10: Progressive Student Union holds their first organizational meeting to discuss and plan the semester's events. Be left or be left out! Marvin Center 420, 8:30 pm. Call Mark at 462-2820 for more info.

9/11: College Democrats Political Awareness Committee holds a planning meeting for Political Awareness Week. Marvin Center 416 at 7 pm. Call

Bill at 728-9284 for info.

9/11: Lesbian & Gay People's Alliance hold their first business meeting. Share your ideas, help organize, get involved. Marvin Center 407, 7:30 pm. Call David at x7590 for info.

9/12: Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science sponsors a lecture on "Blind Deconvolution of Single Blurred Image." Marvin Center 410-415 at 3 pm. Call x7181 for more info.

9/18: SEHD Dean's Office sponsors a reception to welcome their undergraduate students. All SEHD undergrads are welcome. Marvin Center President's Room, Third Floor, 7-9 pm. Call Debra at x6160 for info.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

9/8: GW Dance will hold an audition call for students or employees with previous dance training. Must be available for weekly rehearsals and performances during the semester. Technical support also needed. Bldg J, 7-10 pm. Call Judy at x6577 for info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/12: University Opening Convocation: An International Celebration. Marvin Center Theatre, 12 pm. Keynote speakers include Dean Maurice East SPIA and Adam Freedman, GWUSA President.

Interested in women's issues on and off campus? Womynspace is the place to meet others who share this interest and create an active women's group in the GW community. Contact Mary Beth Hastings, x2211 to discuss meeting times.

Need a tutor, or want to tutor your peers? The Peer Tutoring Service in the Dean of Students Office can help you out! Call Margee Morrison, Coordinator at x6710 or stop by Rice Hall Suite 401.

ATTENTION CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS: Register

your group at Student Activities Office, Marvin Center 427. Deadline for registration is 9/12. Your group must be registered before you can reserve a room, request funding, spend any funds or apply for office space. Call SAO at 676-6555 for info!

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS: Catalogs for the Personal Development Series and Therapy Groups are available at the Center or by calling 676-6550.

A group for Adult Children of Parents Who Drink is now forming. Contact Dr. Maureen Kearney at 676-6550.

Fed Up with Bingeing, a group for those who binge and purge, is now forming. Contact Drs. Maureen Kearney and Ron Schectman at 676-6550.

Secrets, a group for students who have been abused, is now forming. Contact Dr. Maureen Kearney at 676-6550.

THIS WEEK:

9/8: Public Speaking Anxiety: 4 sessions, free. Marvin Center 409, 5-6 pm. Call Ron Schectman x6550.

9/9: Procrastination Prevention

Program: 6 sessions. Marvin Center 418, 6-7:30 pm. Call Thorne Wiggins at x6550.

9/10: Miller Analogies Testing: Appointment Required. Call x6550.

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Editorials

Madness

Values such as morality, honor, and justice, once prized and pursued by most people in the "Old World," today are relics of society's past. Our world today is filled with cowardly governments and cowardly political actions. The dance band on the Titanic surely would have jumped ship had that vessel suffered the same fate in the 80's. They played until she went under.

By isolating just one week of the world's headlines—which is just a speck on the world's time line—it becomes evident that the codes of honor that thrived in the medieval period are now extinct.

In the Soviet Union, for instance, in one of the most blatant and crudely developed frame-ups in the modern era, a journalist for U.S. News and World Report, Nicholas Daniloff, was arrested for spying. Essentially, the Soviets, unable to deal with the American arrest of a Soviet U.N. official on espionage charges, pursued this cowardly act of framing an innocent American.

Moreover, Pakistan this past week was host to another barbaric incident. Aboard a hijacked Pan American jet, a band of terrorists, in a most gutless and animalistic act, opened fire on hundreds of unarmed passengers. Needless and senseless death filled the corridor of that plane.

On Saturday, in Istanbul, two Arab terrorists killed 22 people in an attack on a synagogue. No warning, no demands, the terrorists merely entered the temple and started shooting.

What do these brutally uncivilized incidents have in common? When certain world actors, be they governments or organizations, are incapable or unwilling to achieve political goals through established channels or forums, the cowardly alternatives of terrorism, deceit, and crime are pursued.

We do not expect a return to some bygone era where virtuous ideals reigned supreme. There never was such a time. However, we do have enough faith in the human spirit that, eventually, the callous and cowardly acts that now characterize the world's political climate, will become as dated as King Arthur's Round Table. We just wish evolution would hurry up.

Just plain stupid

The idea is so incredibly dumb that even we, cynical journalists, had trouble believing it. Could it be possible? Did some administrator, in a fit of fiscal facism, tell GW's security forces to take away ID cards from students who had yet to get a validation sticker? Good Lord, that's a bad idea.

Nobody has confessed to issuing this edict, but the guilty party would probably be as chagrined as the ID-less students if he were to go home one night to find the locks in his house changed. That's the equivalent of trying to live in the housing system without an ID. You can't very easily get into your dorm without an ID. Nor can you use the library's required reading room (if you can get into the library at all). Student Health is off limits, too.

And what's the crime? Not paying your bill by September 2, or failing to get the proper immunizations required by D.C. law.

There are some very good reasons for not getting a \$4,035 tuition bill paid by the second week of classes, however. Guaranteed Student Loans can be held up, checks might not clear, or financial aid could be snagged in an overloaded bureaucracy.

We suggest the University wait until at least October 1 before confiscating improper IDs. And the next time some administrator comes up with another idea to make our lives miserable, think twice. You're going to stupid us to death.

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Defends housing

As a full-time summer employee in the Housing Office, I had the opportunity to experience first-hand the difficulties that were encountered in placing both the new and the returning students into the Residence Halls. Based on this experience, I would like to address some of the allegations made toward the GW Housing Office in The GW Hatchet (Aug. 25) in order to clarify what I perceive to be an ambiguous issue.

First, I would like to address the issue of the housing rosters being made available to moving companies. While in retrospect everyone agrees that the arrangement did not achieve its original intent, we must also realize that the list was released for valid reasons, under stringent guidelines, and to benefit recipients of housing scholarships. This point seems to be downplayed in favor of journalistic sensationalism.

Second, many people have taken the opportunity to criticize the Housing Office for not being able to provide housing for everyone who applied. In order to clarify this issue, I would like to point out that the Housing Office is in no way responsible for the number of students who are accepted to GW each year. There is a fixed number of spaces in the housing system, and there is a limit to the number of students who can be placed in those spaces. In an attempt to ameliorate this situation, the Housing Office placed students into study lounges in Thurston Hall and converted some rooms to accommodate larger occupancy for the time being. This action was taken to assist those students that did not have housing and not to arbitrarily punish the residents of those rooms.

Another issue I would like to deal with is the complaint that too many students were dropped from

housing and that the Housing Office turned a cold shoulder to those students who were dropped. First, most students were dropped because they failed to return their leases by the due date. Students were given a month to return their signed lease, and the due date was printed clearly on both the intent to return form and on the lease. The Housing Office attempted to reinstate as many students as possible to their original spaces. For those students who could not be reinstated to their rooms, the Off-Campus Resource Center was kept in operation full-time during the summer to help them find housing.

Finally, I am appalled by the lack of sensitivity shown to new students by the first issue of The Hatchet. If the first thing I saw when I arrived at school was "Housing headaches" and "Quad off limits," I would seriously reconsider my decision about coming to GW.

I sincerely hope that I have been successful in refuting the fallacious statements promulgated by the editorial staff of The Hatchet. I also hope that this issue of The Hatchet is not indicative of its journalistic policy for the remainder of the year.

-Richard A. Stifel.

FUN, FUN, FUN

As reported in the Hatchet, Congressman Thomas J. Bliley (R-VA) sought to discredit my testimony about the constitutionality of banning cigarette commercials by questioning me about my affiliation with the [nonexistent] Foundation for Unrestricted Carnal Knowledge. His spokesman then compounded the travesty by saying that "it is inappropriate to suggest that the Congressman is trying to discredit Banzhaf," and that "the Foundation is not in question, but rather, the text of the article."

If my views on pornography—and not my affiliation

with this alleged organization—were the issue, why did the Congressman even mention the organization, and why was it his lead question? Since my views—as reflected in an old Hatchet article before him—were known and could themselves be the subject of questions, what difference does any affiliation make?

Also, several minutes after questioning me about my views of pornography, why does the Congressman insist on placing the article in the hearing record, saying: "Mr. Banzhaf, it states in your own paper, in your own editorials that you ... stated that you are Director of the 'Foundation for Unrestricted Carnal Knowledge.'"

Finally, why did Committee Chairman Waxman have to seek and obtain unanimous consent for me to insert materials in the record—a very unusual procedure—to rebut "an attack on him," if only my views, and not my affiliations, had been questioned.

It is also well to remind the Congressman that it is the U.S. Supreme Court, and not me, which determined that pornographic materials which do not cross over the line and become "obscene" are protected by the First Amendment. The same court also held, just prior to the hearing, that if the government can ban a product because of its danger, they may also ban its advertising.

Congressman, admit it: not willing to debate the issues, you tried a personal attack which failed. You were foolish enough to believe not only that I was affiliated with this organization, but that I would be dumb enough to announce it in an article. Without doing any checking, you asked the question before the TV cameras, and got egg on your face. You've been had, but I've had FUN!

—John F. Banzhaf III

—Founder of FUN (Foundation for Uncovering Nincompoops)

Watchful eyes, not smiling faces

A letter to the editor in today's issue (*Defends housing*, above) represents such a hopelessly misinformed and misguided sense of why newspapers exist that I feel compelled to respond. I apologize, Mr. Stifel, for using you as an example. You are not alone in your feeling that The GW Hatchet and the rest of the media accentuate the bad news and bury the good news in the back pages. A Hearst or a Murdoch would say bad news sells papers, but that's a publisher's motivation, not an editor's.

When I and the other editors decide what to cover and where to place the stories, we don't start off hoping to make the University or any administrator look foolish. We look for stories that affect students and make a difference in the quality of education and life at GW. In the first issue this fall we led with the "Quad off limits until mid-Sept." article because we knew returning students would want to know why the largest spot of green on this concrete campus was fenced off and barbed-wired.

The "Housing Headaches" stories were intended to highlight what we've found to be pervasive flaws in the housing system and in communication between administrative departments. You may think, Mr. Stifel, that your co-employees at the Housing Office were unfairly singled out for

Jim Clarke

criticism on the editorial page. We're equal opportunity critics here, and in the next few weeks there will be editorials questioning the actions of many other University administrators. It keeps the people who are working for the students and getting paid with students' tuition dollars on their toes. That may sound painfully obvious to any reader acquainted with the First Amendment, but it must need reinforcing. We are too often asked to justify our actions as the campus newspaper when the reason is plain.

The GW Hatchet acts as a watchdog over an administration that almost always means well but

can make some truly boneheaded and thoughtless decisions. Read today's editorial about ID confiscation and you'll begin to get the idea.

Enough said about why we exist (and stay up way past our bedtimes) on Sunday and Wednesday nights). In several weeks the GW Hatchet is going to begin running some Associated Press copy. We think you'll like a brief capsule of national and world news on Thursday mornings and a look at the other interesting stories that flow through the wires. It will broaden our appeal while still keeping us a decidedly campus-oriented newspaper. It will also give us the option of putting out a larger paper when campus news alone can't be stretched far enough.

I hope you enjoy The GW Hatchet this year. We'll work hard to inform you, entertain you, and provoke some debate. All you have to do is read us.

-Jim Clarke is the Editor-in-Chief of The GW Hatchet.

Opinion

Is America in need of an antidote to summit fever?

As the months grow colder in 1986, summit fever begins to heat up. Soon, Secretary of State George Shultz will sit down with Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze to lay out the groundwork for the meeting between the superpowers. In anticipation of the upcoming summit, one must ask the question, is it worth it? Let's face it, the Soviet track record on honoring international agreements is dismal at best. About the only comfort is that the American public may gain from this summit is more talk from the media about Gorbachev's dynamic personality couched in a handsome demeanor reflecting the "new" look of the Soviet Union.

Though Soviet atrocities are numerous, responsible reporting of such human rights violations are few. Instead, magazines like *U.S. News and World Report* would rather describe the Soviet leader as "Genial, confident, ruthless but lacking the killer instinct." In the midst of the never changing imperialist Soviet policy, I am appalled at the media's tendency for glossing over the redundant to emphasize the trivial, at a time when hard issue should be in the forefront of our source for news. A quick journey into the realm of Soviet domestic and foreign policy simply adds credibility to my belief that a summit meeting might not be worth the effort, if it fails to inform us of the real character behind the Iron Curtain.

First, in Nicaragua, the Soviets have blatantly violated the ideals behind the

eternal Monroe Doctrine. After the overthrow of the Somoza regime in 1979, the Soviet Union wasted little time exerting its influence on the Central American nation by aiding the Sandinistas' rise to power. Now, with constant reinforcements from the U.S.S.R., the Sandinistas have taken firm control over virtually every aspect of Nicaraguan life including the right to free press and religion. La Prensa, formerly the

Jason Lederstein

only opposition paper in the country, was viciously squelched by the Ortega regime when it began to report on the activities of the *contras* and the arrival of new Soviet artillery.

However, probably the best example of Sandinista-sponsored imperialism is shown by the plight of the Miskito Indians. Soon after the current military dictator, Daniel Ortega, took power, he explained to the Nicaraguan people that due to "neglected living conditions, non-fertile soil, and constant floods that impede the Miskitos' agricultural output, we find it necessary to move the Indian communities to a more profitable area." What Ortega neglected to reveal to his countrymen and the rest of the world was that these Indian settlements had a long history of peaceful relations, with past governments and had, historically, maintained a fairly stable existence despite

the weather conditions. Ortega also failed to mention that his means of transporting the settlements constituted burning villages, destroying the Indians' culture, killing resisters, and driving thousands into exile in Honduras.

Next stop on the vicious merry-go-round takes us to Afghanistan. Here, the limits of Soviet aggression know no bounds as 105,000 troops have now been installed to quell the uprisings of the Afghan people. Since 1979, when the Kabul regime violently overthrew the Daoud government to make Afghanistan an appendage of the Soviet Union, the usual restrictions on human rights are evident, however, now even children are becoming victims. One basic Soviet tactic has been to saturate the Afghan countryside with booby-trapped toys set to explode after children have picked them up maiming and killing the innocent youngsters.

Of course, the Soviets say that they were invited into Afghanistan by the Kabul regime, yet they have been unable to present evidence of such an invitation. More Soviet rhetoric claims that the Afghani people support the now seven-year-old communist government. In spite of this, Soviet troops continue to grow in numbers each year. Gorbachev has said that he will withdraw six percent of his forces in the coming months, simply because the massive buildup over the past seven years has enabled him to make such a "humanitarian" gesture.

In April of 1981, the Soviets signed a

treaty at the U.N. that prohibited the use of the previously mentioned toy bombs and that also forbid the use of chemical weapons in Afghanistan, but U.S. intelligence reports clearly reveal the continued use of such devices. This, of course, is no surprise. It is common practice for the Soviets to disregard agreements for the benefit of communist expansion. This strategy caused President Reagan to abolish Salt II for it makes no sense to abide by a treaty while the other party does not.

Of course, there are practical reasons to pursue a summit because once adversaries have attained nuclear capabilities, increased dialogue is a must to preserve our own existence; yet the nature of Soviet mentality dictates that we proceed with caution. It is no secret that the Soviets have not stopped in Nicaragua and Afghanistan. More atrocities have ensued in Cuba, Angola, Mozambique, Poland, and other Third World nations. The problem lies not in our nuclear weaponry, as many who clamor for disarmament have claimed, for the nuclear deterrent has stopped even more Soviet expansion than has already taken place. The problem is simply ideology, and to think that a new dynamic leader, such as Gorbachev, will produce better global conditions is a farce. Instead, we should dive into the next summit with our eyes open and our minds educated, not blinded by an assassin in a three-piece suit.

Jason Lederstein is a sophomore majoring in Political Communications.

A diatribe's presence rests in the eye of the beholder

A recent column by Jeane Kirkpatrick symbolizes a vital flaw in American political debate. Her article is entitled "Many Threats, Little Bread" and was published in *The Washington Post* (July 28, 1986). It is essentially a diatribe against the Sandinista government and its ties to the Soviet bloc. Her charges do not excite my ire for I am no defender of Ortega's Nicaragua. Rather, it is the dynamic that Kirkpatrick's article is part of that disturbs me.

In essence, Kirkpatrick's condemnation of the Sandinistas is also a justification. It is a justification of the *contras'* war against the Sandinistas. If I were a liberal columnist, I would protest Kirkpatrick's charges and insinuations. Then I should go on to defend the difficult and precarious position of the Sandinista government. To be really effective, however, I must also condemn the *contras* as inept, brutal, and corrupt. At this juncture we have a second dual condemnation and justification. The *contras* are condemned and the Sandinista police-state apparatus justified.

Let us picture Kirkpatrick and this liberal pundit in their comfortable air-conditioned offices. Their words, mere written words, directly or indirectly have led to and justified violence. By condemning the Sandinistas we indi-

rectly justify the most brutal and violent acts of the *contras*. The reverse, of course, is also true. A liberal or conservative columnist might admit that the side they support is guilty of some small wrongdoing. But that is a mere concession to an opponent in an argument. If I am to condemn the violence committed by the Sandinistas, I must, for my arguments to be effective, condemn with equal sincerity the violence committed by the *contras*. The real enemy is the violence, isn't it?

The tragic irony is that not one of the above-mentioned articles,

Tarak Barkawi

one real and one imagined, shall have advanced us one step closer to a sound understanding of the Nicaraguan dilemma. They are merely litany of charges justifying violent courses of action. That we all must choose one or the other violent course is taken for granted.

Personally, I lack the assurance that allows one to know everything. I cannot write, as Kirkpatrick does, from a certain world view that explains and justifies the violence of one side while condemning that of the other. Violence, unlike words, cannot be undone. I am no

pacifist, but one must be sure of his reasons before he starts killing. And the waters in Nicaragua are rather muddy. I am no surer of the *contras* than of the Sandinistas. The question must be phrased like this: I would have to be very sure that the average Nicaraguan would be much better off economically and socially under *contra* leadership before I could sanction the price of thousands of pints of Nicaraguan blood to install that leadership.

But to equivocate like this has become impossible in this heated debate. My friends ask me to take sides and when I don't, they get uncomfortable. It is, quite simply, necessary to categorize in our complicated lives. "So, just tell me," I am asked, "are you for or against the *contras*?" And if we were discussing art, or a car, perhaps a particular investment, I should tell you if I were for or against. But to discuss Nicaragua is a palpably different matter because lives are involved. Thus, I find it quite natural to equivocate. For when we as a nation decide and the blood begins to flow, we better have decided correctly. Congress may change its mind, but blood already spilt is lost forever.

Am I suggesting that the United States should abandon decisive policies or that columnists should stop arguing? Of course not. My suggestion is aimed more directly

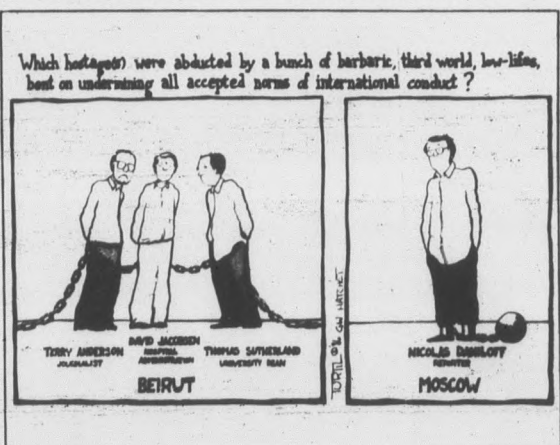
at the columnists. When charges and counter-charges are exchanged to the extent they have been over Nicaragua, the temperature rises. Honest written attempts at understanding the complexities of the issue pale besides an impassioned plea to support one side or the other.

It is much the same with South Africa. To oppose divestment automatically defines one as a greedy and oppressive industrialist to a liberal. To call for divestment among conservatives is to be a woolly-minded idealist. Neither of these positions has much to do with the complex reality of South Africa. Yet as knee-jerk reactions they are

deeply imbedded in the American psyche. Anyone writing an article that did not take sides would be called names by both sides.

The vocation of a writer seeks to prevent exactly the kind of situation that exists. A writer's purpose is to understand and to reason. But in a highly polarized debate such as those over Nicaragua or South Africa, passion, not reason, prevails. It is only through reason that complex issues can be gripped with. And when these issues involve life, a cool head and sound reason are required.

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Perspectives on GW Issues

We must divest now Dangers of phony fire alarms

At the Student Association we deal with many issues concerning all aspects of University life. Few issues occur at GW without the Student Association advancing an opinion. Yet, while we are involved in many areas, we also set priorities. Among these priorities are tuition hikes, the drinking age, and student life improvements, but one issue stands out among these priorities—the issue of divestment.

Divestment, unlike other concerns at GW, is controlled by events far beyond our reach. However, this fact does not

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diminish our ability to influence the situation. This University, our University, has investments in companies that do business in South Africa. Our role is to ask the University to divest from these companies. The reason is clear enough. We are upset and dismayed that our money supports the white, racist apartheid government.

It should be understood that we do not seek GW's financial devastation, nor do we believe that it is the Student Association's role to have political positions on all issues. But due to the financial involvement of this University, we are justified in getting involved in the issue of divestment. In just the past several weeks, and after years of debating the issue, the University of California divested \$11.3 billion. At GW, divestment has been debated for many years, and

like the University of California, this should be the year that we have the courage to divest.

The situation in South Africa is worsening. Hundreds of blacks die each year in their struggle for freedom. Sadly, GW economically supports a nation that enslaves the majority of its citizens because of the color of their skin.

We do not see this enslavement daily on the news simply because the South African government has restricted journalists in that nation. Just because images of white South Africans opening fire on unarmed black South Africans does not appear each night on TV, however, it does not mean that it is not happening. Before the situation deteriorates even worse, we should divest.

Both houses of Congress have passed bills that call for South African sanctions. President Reagan, however, continues to resist meaningful sanctions. Unfortunately, the President still believes in constructive engagement, a failed policy. Although the national debate rages on, the answer is clear. We must divest.

After years of this issue being batted back and forth, we should finally and completely divest. GW exists for the enlightenment of people, while its funds support a system that thrives on hate and racism. This paradox must end. No longer should our money help perpetuate apartheid. As students, we should all demand that GW divests.

Adam Freedman is President of GWUSA.

Another blemish on the face of Thurston Hall life occurred the other day, an event that is all too common in the yearly events of that dorm. A fire alarm was activated, the second false alarm since the opening of the dorm on Aug. 19. The first fire alarm was at three a.m. on Aug. 26. Many residents found the alarm a slight bit amusing, but most found the alarm a major inconvenience. Because it happened before the start of school, many students dismissed the alarm as a last minute prank. This, however, was not to be the case.

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On Sept. 3, at approximately 8:00 p.m., another fire alarm went off in Thurston Hall, causing great inconvenience to the residents. While the first fire alarm may have been slightly humorous, this second fire alarm could in no way be viewed as amusing, for it was downright dangerous.

These false alarms are now being conditioned into the residents of Thurston as a way of life; a thing to be ignored as a minor nuisance. This is a very dangerous attitude for any living thing to possess: loss of the fear of danger. I, for instance, learned this fear when I was a volunteer fireman. Although this may seem a trite job, I have witnessed the death that fire brings, and so I have learned to respect fire as a very dangerous thing, whether it is caused by nature or by man.

I also appreciate the fact that in today's society, we have an extra warning system to protect us against danger, it is of course the fire alarm. The problem lies in the widespread abuse of this protection, namely through the pulling of false alarms and the failures to heed the warning of the alarm to evacuate the building.

Instead of pleading for students to stop pulling false alarms, I would rather recount an event that happened in Thurston on April 19, 1979. A fire alarm sounded at 3:45 in the morning. Since it happened during the exam period, many students figured it was just another idiot letting off steam.

The alarm sounded for one minute, and then it shut off, along with the lights. Most people, thinking it had been taken care of, went back to sleep.

Residents on the fifth floor were looking at the situation from a different viewpoint, however, since their floor was engulfed in flames, and smoke was starting to pour into most of the resident's rooms. By the time the residents realized the alarm was real, they were involved in a full-scale fire from which they could not easily evacuate. Thurston Hall is a difficult building to live in and it was also quite difficult to evacuate. The evacuation took nearly 45 minutes, and in the process, twenty people were injured—one seriously. Shortly after the fire, Fire Lieut. Joseph O'Neill described the situation as one in which there were "panicky people trapped in the building."

While this is not a detailed account of the fire, it highlights my main point, namely that the residents were not prepared for the catastrophe. Further, due to the apathy that false alarms breed, the residents will not be prepared again.

In effect, I write this column in the hope that all students will realize that there are human lives at stake every time an alarm is pulled. Forget the thousands of dollars it costs the city every time there is a false alarm, not to mention the substantial fine the University pays for every false alarm. Think instead of losing your best friend in a fire alarm that he decided to sleep through, the one fire alarm that turned out to be real, the one that you *didn't* pull. See how that settles in your stomach. And if you are strong enough to weather that, then there is the old back-up threat of automatic eviction from your dorm if you are caught pulling a false alarm, an eviction that will cheerfully be carried out an R.A.

I personally find it hard to believe that any human could stomach these consequences just for the momentary pleasure of pulling a fire alarm. I am, moreover, counting on the intelligence of the residents of our dorms that the fire alarms will be kept solely for use in emergencies, and will accordingly be heeded by everyone when one occurs.

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Can we at GW tolerate dissenting points of view?

The latest issue of the GW Journal included an article entitled "Israel is the Problem" which, to say the least, provoked the most heated response of any article published in three years. The author, Charles Hoskinson, argued that Israel is an illegitimate state, founded by force at the expense of its former inhabitants. Hoskinson concluded that Israel is the "primary obstacle to a just and lasting peace" in the Middle East. Obviously, the position is not widely held at GW or throughout the United States.

As editor, I was surprised and disappointed at the comments I received about the article. "What is this?" "How could you print this trash?" These examples typify the variety of remarks which greeted me. Fortunately, after an explanation of the purpose of the GW Journal and a discussion about freedom of speech, my worst fears about the lurking intolerance in all of us were dispelled. But not without that explanation and discussion, which prompted me to write this article.

The article's publication in what is ostensibly the organ of the College Democrats was the first issue raised by critics. Undoubtedly, if a poll were taken, the club membership would not agree with the article. But should the decision on what to publish be made by a opinion poll? The next question, asked by my interrogators, is what criteria are used in deciding to print an article? Aren't the articles supposed to represent the Democratic Party's position?

Easy solution—hard application. A party that includes Jesse Jackson and Russell Long, Ted Kennedy and Sam Nunn; that appeals to the AFL-CIO and Texas oil magnates; and that disagrees over aid to *contras* and affirmative action—is one that encompasses a multiplicity of viewpoints. By turning the GW Journal into the organ of the Democratic viewpoint, it would actually become the organ of what myself

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and the assistant editors think is the Democratic viewpoint. Even more frightening, it could easily become what I think is the right view on any given issue, without any sort of justification as the Democratic opinion.

But then hasn't the GW Journal strayed from its purpose of serving the Democratic Party? I don't think so. Returning to the criteria for publication, I said that a well-written article on a relevant topic (which means almost any public policy question or political battle) arguing a viewpoint in a rational, non-polemical manner is worthy of publication. I think that standard is fair, in fact, it is the only one I see as possible.

By doing so the GW Journal expands beyond simple Democratic Party politics. Yet the expansion benefits Democrats. We debate policy choices, confronting options not necessarily within the "mainstream."

We express views on a variety of issues. We benefit the GW community acting as the sole consistent forum on campus for the examination of public policy issues. And our organization earns the respect of a wider circle of individuals at GW as an issue-oriented group willing to conduct a real dialogue on our future.

The other aspect of criticism was, in some cases, a lack of knowledge. Of course, people knew they didn't like the article because it contradicted some fundamental beliefs, but they didn't always clearly articulate why. It is something we forget today, but nevertheless it is a fact: The United States did not support Israel politically or militarily until after the Six-Day War in 1967. The U.S. was neutral in the Arab-Israeli dispute and actually had an arms embargo on the Middle East. U.S. support—or for that matter Democratic Party support—of Israel is not a long-standing tradition, but has recently developed. It is too easy to confuse beliefs with facts.

Editorial pieces by their very nature choose certain facts and beliefs over others. It is also easy to forget or misconstrue the context of facts. This is where editorial publications like the GW Journal come into play. What is a valid interpretation of facts? What is the context of those facts? An editorial publication is supposed to focus on these disputes.

I believe that the GW Journal fostered this type of discussion by publishing the

article. We thought the piece might stir up a few people. It would force critics to examine their views and articulate them. In doing so, I firmly believe, the reasons for strong American support of Israel will become even more persuasive.

After these discussions with my questioners, I was relieved to see that they seemed to understand why I published the article and, equally pleasing, seemed determined to write a rebuttal. In a university environment, supposedly the haven of free thought and debate, that is truly a positive development. At a time when censors in the guise of "Accuracy in Academia" are trying to root out the "bias" of our professors, we must be on guard. Just the same, when a fellow student advocates an unpopular position through a student publication, we must not become our own "Accuracy in Academia." After consideration, I am sure that we will not become self-appointed censors. But those moments of thought must be given, not forgotten in blind disagreement. In the end, what I am asking for is a more thoughtful, elevated discussion of issues throughout the campus whether in the GW Journal, GW Hatchet, Current, or CR Observer. Only then do we fully enjoy the experience of higher education—the exposure to differing, maybe even radical ideas, from which our own political and moral values can be discovered.

Ben Klubes is editor of the GW Journal

Cherry Tree goes \$3,000 over budget with 1985-86 publication

by Jack Miller
Hatchet Staff Writer

The *Cherry Tree*, GW's yearbook, spent \$3,000 more than originally budgeted for last year's publication when it was forced to pay a higher price for the printing of additional yearbooks.

Cherry Tree Business Manager Liz Hewit said she originally ordered only 950 books from the publisher but received 1,030 orders for the yearbook during the year. To fulfill the requests, an additional 80 books were printed at a total cost of \$3,000, an increase of \$10 per book.

In recent fiscal years, *The Cherry Tree's* estimated budget has been approximately \$37,000, Hewit said. The 1985-86 *Cherry Tree* spent \$3,000 more than originally budgeted, approximately eight percent of the annual budget.

Last year's *Cherry Tree* did not lose money and remained within its revenue earnings for the year, even with the additional expenditures. However, Hewit questioned the budget system for student-run organizations.

Currently, all student organizations draw their money from the general University Fund and in turn pay back the fund at the end of the year with their revenues, regardless of whether or not they showed a profit.

This system has deprived *The Cherry Tree* of the surplus funds it has earned in the past, according to Hewit. She said that at the end of last year, when she knew the yearbook was going to come in under budget, she bought many office supplies that were not immediately needed because the money would not be available for the next fiscal year.

Hewit said that if these organizations were allowed to keep their excess funds, they could use this money more efficiently than spending it during an end of the year buying spree merely to use up the excess funds.

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total enrollment could exceed last year's mark after last week's late registrations are tallied. The Registrar's Office plans to release updated figures for freshman and overall registration today.

GW admitted 4,956 of 6,779 applicants by July 14, Assistant

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Provost for Institutional Research Peggy Cohen said. The figures show an acceptance rate of 73 percent. The University usually expects approximately 25 percent of those accepted to commit.

Members of the GW administration decided last year to decrease this year's class size after a succession of increasingly larger classes which threatened to overload the classroom and dining facilities on campus.

M. Center toilets crap out

A clogged sewer drainline caused the complete shutdown of all bathrooms in the Marvin Center on Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday.

The Physical Plant reported that water was flooding from the

ground floor men's bathroom at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. All bathrooms were closed so that maintenance crews could clean up the overflow. Bathrooms were reopened later that night but were closed again on Sunday afternoon after the problem reoccurred.

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Tel Aviv University,
discusses the hottest
issue in Israel today.

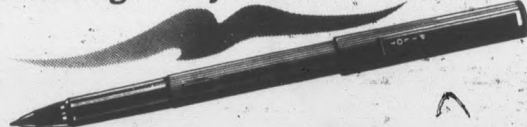
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Sororities try new joint rush

by Cathy Moss
Hatchet Staff Writer

For the first time in ten years, six sororities on GW's campus have started to rush girls who may be interested in joining Greek life through a "mutual selection process," according to Beth Witorsch, a Pan Hellenic advisor.

Approximately 70 girls attended the first meeting in the Marvin Center Wednesday night, establishing a formal rush on campus. A sorority woman herself, Dean of Students Gail Short Hanson initiated the historic occasion by saying, "Sorority can add to the already rich student life at GW. It can be a serious, emotional and a tremendously rewarding all-woman network."

Hundreds of girls are expected to take a look at the six existing sororities on campus and see which one is right for them by attending short, individual parties on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center. Starting this past Saturday afternoon and continuing through September 15, girls are invited back by mutual selection to more parties until they receive a bid from a sorority house, hopefully of their choice.

"This on-going process takes a bit of time so that both the sorority sisters of each house and the potential rushees have affirmed their interests in joining the right house," Witorsch said.

Girls interested in joining any

one of the four national or the two local sororities on campus should have either attended the first meeting last Wednesday night or contacted the Student Activities Office in order to register. They will be asked to fill out a card and will be contacted by one of the six rush counselors who act as a support system through the very structured process.

Freshman and sophomore girls of every background were sent Pan Hellenic booklets in the beginning of the semester. Junior Debby Cohen, president of Alpha Epsilon Phi, said: "Sorority is really the best way in which to meet people and make life-long friendships."

News Briefs

GW Voices for a Free South Africa will hold its first organizational meeting Wednesday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in the Black Peoples Union at 2127 G Street.

The International Affairs Society will hold its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 9 in the Stuart Hall Lounge. For more information call 728-7270.

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) present "Space Colonization: The Grand Design," Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Marvin Center 413. Morris Hornik of the Space Studies Institute will be a featured speaker.

"Do you find yourself regularly putting off until tomorrow what you have to do for today?" Don't delay, sign up now for the Procrastination Prevention Program, sponsored by the University Counseling Center. The program consists of six Tuesday evening sessions, beginning September 9 and continuing until October 14. The sessions take place in Marvin Center 418 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Professor Pinchas Peli, renowned teacher and media personality, will speak on "The 'High' of the High Holidays," Tuesday from 8-9:30 p.m. in Marvin Center 409. The program, sponsored by Hillel, is free and no registration is necessary. For more information call 296-8873.

"Terrorism and Intervention in the Middle East," a public forum presented by MERIP Middle East Report, will be held Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m. at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave., one block from Metro Center. The program will feature Fred Halliday of the London School of Economics and Christopher Hitchens, Washington Correspondent of *The Nation*. Admission is \$5. For information call 667-1188.

The Boston Red Sox have extended their lead over the Toronto Blues Jays to six and one-half games, and over the once-vaunted New York Yankees to 10 games. The success of the Red Sox, combined with the Yankee's downfall, has finally proven the existence of God, leading Vatican theologians said yesterday. Said Father Curran of Catholic University: "The Yankees still have a chance."

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however, was an international pantomime group, the "Upright Vertebrates," who have toured in Beijing, Bangkok, and Tokyo. Their repertoire included a unique number in which both performers did acrobatic maneuvers around an ironing board to the Elvis Presley tune "Blue Suede Shoes." Honest.

But the music served only as a diversion for those too tired to shop or too full to eat. One needed only to choose among the 500 booths to get a taste of hot Bahamian conch fritters or a cold California roll of sushi and then barter for handmade trinkets and woven rugs. Silkscreened T-shirts warned about the hazards of nuclear arms and brandished such slogans as: "Save humans, not whales."

Some festival goers were content to find a rare spot along the street curbs and watch other people enjoy themselves. "I like looking at all the different peo-

ple," Maryland resident Barbara Castellano said.

Public interest and community groups set up booths and rallied for their causes. The Great Peace March and Amnesty International urged people to "buy an ice cream cone and freeze the arms race." There was even a health unit, a community food bank, and a voter registration effort.

Local politicians, including incumbent Mayor Marion Barry, waged their own campaigns for re-election with flyers telling voters that they are "making a great city even greater."

Most area restaurants closed for the occasion, but a few, including Mr. Henry's, took advantage of the large crowd to set up their own booth while leaving the restaurant's doors open to customers. Local merchants were pleased by the turnout and expect people to return to the area once Adams Morgan Day is over. "Business is better than usual," one local merchant said. "Days like this make the rest of the year pick up."

GWUSA supports divesting

In their first show of support for University divestment of the South African holdings, GWUSA has pledged "logistical support" for a coalition of student organizations protesting GW's involvement with companies operating in South Africa. GWUSA also offered GW Voices for a Free South Africa a financial contribution to encourage further

protests by that lobbying group.

GWUSA President Adam Freedman told an informal meeting of faculty and student protest organizers Thursday that a "unified front" of the Student Association and active protest groups would be the best way to prompt University officials to divest.

-Robert J. Mentzinger

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the invalid IDs is a "security procedure." It is security's policy to confiscate invalid IDs," she said. "Immunization is now currently tied to validation stickers."

"Immunization is not the only reason, some people aren't registered," Hanson said. "Some aren't coming back to school, some students' loans have not come through. There are a variety of reasons why students do not have fall stickers. If they are presenting those ID's, they are presenting something that no longer works."

Students living in campus residence halls have a hall sticker affixed to their ID and cannot gain access to their hall without this sticker. According to Director of Housing and Residence Life Ann Webster, this year the hall stickers were given to residents when they checked into the halls, regardless of whether or not they had fall registration stickers. Some students with residence hall stickers aren't registered and are still waiting for loans, Webster said.

Hanson said the residence halls have rosters and students should have no problem getting into the halls without IDs.

However, Webster said it is inconvenient to look up a student's name on a roster. She said she is astounded that IDs are being confiscated. She said registration is still going on for some students because many have yet to receive their student loans.

Webster questioned why the registrar "is pulling IDs so early in the game."

"The registration has not been completed, therefore, the ID is not valid until the student has completed the process," Goode said. "If any ID is invalid, it is subject to be confiscated."

Goode did not think it would be a problem for a student to gain access to their residence hall and said that a resident could have someone sign them in.

Aline Dupont, a student whose ID was confiscated by GW Security, said not having an ID is an inconvenience. "I can't use the library. It's hard for me to listen to the records I have to listen to for my class, and I don't have a place to study," DuPont said.

"I figured there was a grace period," DuPont said. "There is a grace period on [paying] tuition, why not on [validating] the IDs. The worst part is that they didn't have to take it. It seems a little overboard to me. The idea is very upsetting."

DuPont questioned the GW Security officer when he took the ID. The officer said he was there to confiscate invalid IDs. The officer asked DuPont if she had been vaccinated. DuPont requested her ID back and offered to leave the building. According to DuPont, the officer responded that the ID "is not your property. It is the school's and we can take it anytime we want."

Employees of the Smith Center and the Office of Safety and Security could not say on Sunday whether security officers would remain posted at the Smith Center in the following weeks.

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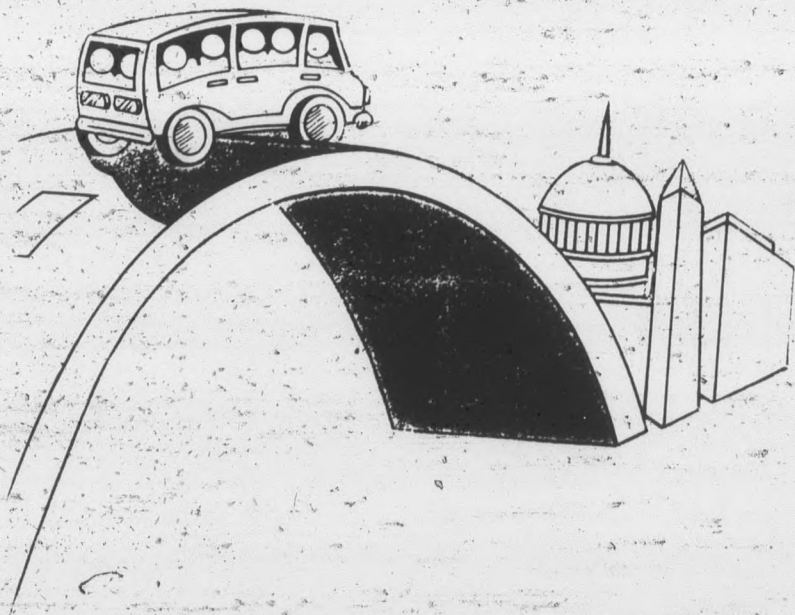
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Arts and Music

'Pageant' continues R.E.M.'s rise to deification



by Dion

R.E.M.'s newest album is *Life's Rich Pageant*. Honestly, what more is there to say? That the album is a re-re-affirmation of the brilliance of R.E.M.? The album rocks as hard as their first EP, *Chronic Town*, except on *Pageant* lead vocalist Michael Stipe's lyrics are completely audible. R.E.M. is and will be one of the most influential bands of

critics can hear more than the alluring texture and tone of Stipes' voice. For the first time, critics can sit down at their turntables and not pick out what word "this!" might be, or if "that!" is a word at all. For the first time, Stipe's incredible lyrical gift is blatantly obvious.

Quite simply, R.E.M. is a rock 'n' roll band. Just because the words in the hauntingly sweet "The Flowers of Guatemala" allude to Central America or "Cuyahoga" makes reference to the extermination of the American Indians does R.E.M. is not politically oriented. Trying to portray them as a U2 is a crime. Stipe may sing "We are young despite the years/We are concern/We are hope despite the times," but his intention probably is not to create an underground anthem for youth to rally around.

R.E.M. stands as a bastion from the world labeled "normal society." Having never compromised their music to placate the Music Industry, the unspoken feeling is that R.E.M. stands apart from rock 'n' roll business, stand apart from the "norm," stand above political rock.

On R.E.M.'s *Fables of the Reconstruction* tour, at some shows, Stipe read a letter from a girl (either real or, perhaps, a product of Stipe's imagination) who suggested that she and Michael start a new country. Chances are, thousands of letters from the lost and forlorn end-

lessly send letters of this sort to Stipe. Nevertheless, Stipe probably won't "start a new country." R.E.M. isn't a moralistic band. Their answers are essentially the answers the listeners deduce for themselves.

Pageant is almost a regrouping album for the band. Some fans found their third album, *Fables*, a little strained and the band members admitted a certain disappointment with the product. A feeling that Stipe and Buck were at odds reached the public last winter in New York when Buck, ostensibly frustrated by a sound problem, stormed off stage mumbling that things just weren't working out. Some thought the end of R.E.M. was near.

Instead, Buck in his spare time appeared with Mills, Berry and Warren Zevon under the name The Hindu Love Gods, to press a single. Buck also joined with The Fleshtones guitarist, Keith Streng, on a three-song EP under the name Full Time Men and also did some production work for The Feelies.

Stipe, too, worked apart from R.E.M.: He popped up in the rag-tag amalgamation, The Golden Palominos, which also featured Sex Pistols/P.I.L. figurehead Johnny Lydon. When on tour, The Palominos, minus Stipe and Lydon, sold out shows as fans waited impatiently to see if Stipe would make a guest appearance (which he frequently did). The

time R.E.M. spent apart seems to have saved the group from destruction.

Pageant adds a small amount of focus to the band's direction. Buck's signature twangy/resonating style of guitar takes a slightly tenser edge with some added feedback while still blending perfectly with Stipe's voice and lyrics.

The long-awaited recorded version of "Hyena," which the band has been performing live since *Murmur* days (a live version of the song did appear as a B-side a few years back), the cover of the 1960's The Clique's neo-psychedelic "Superman," and "Underneath the Bunker," a bizarre short that ends side two with underpinning tango (!) influences, offer devout R.E.M.-heads the obscure departures usually only found in concert or on B-sides.

"Fall on Me," the single from *Pageant* will no doubt climb the charts and surpass last year's "Can't Get There From Here," in commercial airplay.

R.E.M. has been sitting on the brink of immense popularity for the past few years. It seems inevitable, with the recent trend, that R.E.M. can not continue to play 6-9,000 seat halls as public demand for the group increases. Inevitably, R.E.M. is bound to topple over the brink of success. What lies beyond is hidden somewhere between Stipe's mystical voice and Buck's guitar.

'Heartburn,' despite Streep, Nicholson, needs Pepto-bismal

by Jennifer Dickens

One can hardly expect anything but a superior movie from actors as talented as Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep. Unfortunately, *Heartburn*, produced by Mike Nichols, proves that not even Streep and Nicholson can always end up in an Oscar-winning movie. While *Heartburn* is a touching story (based loosely on Nora Ephron's novel of the same title describing her relationship with journalist Carl Bernstein) the script is lacking in quality, the editing is choppy and erratically paced, and the acting seems mechanical and overly natural; a problem which stems most certainly from poor direction.

The story line is quite simple. A man and a woman, Nicholson and Streep, meet, fall in love, get married and have a baby. However, no sooner does Streep become pregnant for the second time then she discovers that the man she is so content with is having an affair. The woman leaves, the man begs her to return, and she does. She has her second child and everything seems to be in an upward swing. But, and here comes the good part, she finds

that her husband is still fooling around. So she takes the children and leaves again for good. End of the movie.

The first part of the movie, up until the first separation, is a series of very short scenes that manage to dismiss entirely the fact that the audience has no clue as to what happens from moment to moment. This consequently leaves one at a loss. There is really no time to meet the character, see them in action and attempt to understand what it is that makes them tick. How do they feel? What do they think? Basic clues like these are absent.

This vague feeling is apparent not only in the characters that Nicholson and Streep portray, but also in the roles of the co-stars, their friends. Stockard Channing (*Grease*), Jeff Daniels (*Terms of Endearment*), Richard Masur (*Risky Business*), Maureen Stapleton (*Reds*), and Catherine O'Hara (*Nine*) appear only after very long intervals for very short periods of time. One wonders about their backgrounds, their own relationships, how they all met, and what they think about the whole messy predicament. None of these typical questions

are answered. There is really not an awful lot to say about each individual character because their appearances are so short.

Perhaps some of the problems with the mechanical acting stem from the script as well as the direction. It is always exciting to come out of the cinema muttering the memorable lines of the show. Unfortunately, *Heartburn* is not particularly quoteworthy. Only one line seems to stick out. It comes from the scene where Streep tells her father that she and Nicholson have split up (the first time). "If you want monogamy, marry a swan." Very comforting.

Nora Ephron's script is real enough, but it has a nasty tendency to switch from reality into absurdity, which in turn breaks up any distant illusion the audience may have that the movie is completely and totally real. For example, Streep turns on the television only to find an Allistar Cooke-type person on a Masterpiece Theatre-type program describing the trials and tribulations of her life as though it were truly an episode of the show.

This movie could be called disappointing at best. Although a



Meryl Streep

few scenes struck an emotional cord, *Heartburn* was not a real tearjerker. On the other hand, it wasn't much of a comedy either. It sort of floats in an endless limbo between the two. The best thing about the entire movie was Jack Nicholson's amazing talent.

Once again he manages to make the audience really see his character—in this case, a pretty rotten one. If you don't mind being left in the dark, and if you can live without knowing minor, yet significant, details, *Heartburn* is worth seeing. If not, blow it off.

Features

Beer goggling it through Europe 1986 *by Scott Smith*

Braving terrorism, nuclear fallout and nasty Parisians in search of the 'perfect beer'

Europe. Sure, any college student dreams of getting there at some point. There always seems to be an obstacle to fulfilling those dreams, however, and usually it's money. I finally overcame that problem (like any good Jewish lad, I used my Bar Mitzvah savings bonds) and headed out for the Old Country.

This was an exciting summer to travel through Europe. Forget all that sightseeing garbage, this year a tourist gets to contend with terrorism and nuclear fallout. If you do not get a free excursion to Beirut, you can always return home with a healthy, glowing tan courtesy of the Soviet Union. How can any traveller resist benefits like those? What's more, these benefits are designed for the college student. They scare off other tourists and drive prices down. Plus, the tourists who are scared off are usually the obnoxious, tour group-oriented types—the kind who clad themselves in plaid Bermuda shorts, golf shirts and white bucks.

Not being one to pass up a bargain (or three years of planning, for that matter), I set off with two friends, who we will call Tom and Marc, those being their names, for the other side of the Atlantic. One needs a quest for a voyage such as this so I deemed this vacation "The Search for the Perfect Beer." Granted, this is typical college stuff, but one must search in a field one knows well.

The Beginning

June 9, 5:15 a.m.—No, I am not waking up at this ungodly hour; I am LEAVING for the airport now. Why? Hey, when you fly cheap they don't exactly give you primetime. Luckily, Tom's dad is a corporate exec who just happened to have a business trip the same day. For the occasion, he rented a stretch limo. Of course, it loses some appeal at this hour—none of the neighbors are awake to see you leave, although the porters at the airport were shocked to see a limo pull up at the economy check-in area.

New York, JFK Airport, 7:00 a.m.—Check-in time. This takes little more than 10 minutes. There must be a secret to it. If this is an extensive check, then I can see why terrorism is the world's fastest-growing business. I looked for any suspicious types, but the only outstanding character was a Chassidic Jew. Still, I learned to never trust a man always bending and armed with a yalmulke (that's ya-mi-ka for any goyim in the audience).

10:00 a.m.—Finally, it's take-off time. The plane clears without a hitch. Still, somewhere in the hold must be a ticking suitcase with my name on it—or did I forget to set the timer...?

Six hours later, it's London time. We are out of Heathrow

Airport in 45 minutes. Again no great check of the luggage. Hey guys, did anyone ever tell you about the Irish Republican Army? Just a thought...

Great Britain

The quest can finally begin. There is one major hitch: pubs here shut down at 11 p.m., at least in England they do. Someone better straighten these Brits out. Drinking is not supposed *begin* until 11 p.m., not end then. Of course, these Brits are rather strange folk as it is. Every drink is served at room temperature (always a treat in summertime),

Scotland. They at least know to stay open till the wee hours of the morning here. We found ourselves sucking down McEwen's at a pub called Chez Fred's in Edinburgh. Here we were adopted as Scots by a crowd viewing Scotland's last game in the World Cup tournament. The World Cup is soccer's Super Bowl, only it drives entire nations crazy, not just cities. We learned here that the key to survival is rooting for the home team; after all, the British really get into this game—some newspapers called for war when Argentina beat

die hard—when you try to eliminate them—but Parisians seem to try and further their image as a rude people. A prime example is the people at our hotel, The St. Charles. This place was cheap, but it was also condemned. Hey, that's what you expect as a college student. After all, if you can tolerate Thurston for a year, any hellhole can seem like home. Unfortunately, the staff at our digs graduated from the Marquis de Sade Charm School. Cruelty here was the name of the game. Rudeness, yelling, you name it. They were such fine folk to deal

travel agents give brochures about vacations on the Achille Lauro, the Middle East's Love Boat. If you're looking for a fun time and wish to see the other side of the Mediterranean, sign up for a cruise. Discounts are big if you tell them Yassir sent you.

The Middle of the Trip

Spain. Spain has one great thing going for it. Cheap beer. At 50 cents a pop, it's an unbeatable price. It also helps that the only Spanish I know is 'dos cervesa, por favor' (two beers, please). We did party big time because Argentina won the World Cup the night I was in Barcelona, sending Spain into a frenzy.

Switzerland. With no command of the German language, I was screwed. Meals are an adventure when you don't know exactly what you are ordering. There's a lot of beer flowing here, however. The Swiss are related to the Germans, who are the world's brewmasters, so the beer is guaranteed to be good. The Swiss also want large profits, hence all is expensive here, excepting Swiss army knives of course.

West Germany. Munich—the Mecca of Beers. Ed McMahon bows toward it every morning. Large beer halls where you feast on veal and large, no—make that very large, mugs of beer. Lager-wise, German beer is tops. Like the rest of Europe, the Germans save the best for themselves. We get the worst of the lot. This is a beer lover's paradise, although they tend to be too formal a people at times. They goosestep to the john.

Amsterdam

Welcome to the Netherlands. Welcome to the end of the trip. Amsterdam is the party city. The Dutch are rather liberal. Drugs are legal. Prostitution is legal. Beer is great. No one can walk down a street without three or four offers to buy hashish. The Red Light District is a world famous tourist attraction. Window shopping takes on a whole new dimension in this place.

Pop into a cafe. Beer and marijuana are sold side-by-side in some of these places. Fascinating concept. The Dutch also can brew great beers. Their domestic Heinekin makes the stuff sent our way seem like trash. Amstel also far outdoes the export model. For a change of pace, pound down an Oranjeboom or two.

The Dutch are also among the friendliest people in Europe. They'll gladly have a drink with you, or two or three or...

Easy going nation. Partying city. The place to end a quest for the ultimate beer. And now that I have returned safely to the U.S. with no sidetricks to the exotic ports of Libya, the verdict can be revealed—give me that British "pond scum." The winner is ... Newcastle Brown Ale.



they drive on the wrong side of the road (want to die young, cross a London street) and they are not the most outgoing of people at times (I asked one businessman for directions and he literally ran away from me—I don't look like Jack the Ripper here, you know).

Still, for all their faults, the British can brew a beer. Mainly one can find lagers and ales as well as some stouts. Lagers resemble the beer we're used to, and stouts, like Guinness, look like they've been scooped off the top of a swamp somewhere (sometimes they taste that way, too). I developed a taste for the latter. I like a beer that takes five minutes to pour from the tap and resembles liquid wood. The English make a great ale in the west. The city of Newcastle provides a fine example of this "pond scum" with its Newcastle Brown Ale. (*I took this term from my former roommates, Lanny Schuberg and Joel Solinski, who called my Scottish beer, McEwen's Ale, such at the Brickseller one night. Oh guys, I found McEwen's again.)

England

We also made it to the top of the world, Inverness. Quaint little city. I learned firsthand that Loch Ness is only eight miles away by foot. I saw no monster—only water. They had no goddamn signs saying this was THE loch. Eight damn miles of walking and all I see is water. No "Monster Motel" or "McNessie bugers" even. It's definitely an overrated place.

Great Britain has one great idea. It serves beer by the pint. For about \$1.25 you get the equivalent of two bottles of beer. What a country!

All throughout the Isles people were shocked to hear we were Americans. "You're Yanks? Why didn't you stay home like the rest? Weren't you scared? Why did you Yanks stay home this year?" I don't know, Harrod's hasn't been bombed in months.

France

Paris. The City of Lights. Beautiful, exciting, rude. Parisians are like Londoners; they're cold, only Londoners keep silent on the matter. Stereotypes

with.

A crowd like that drives you to drink. The problem was the bars in our areas only knew how to serve beer in servings just larger than shot glasses. Moreover, French beer is just above American beer on the thicker-than-water scale (U.S. beer is the water level). Some places in central Paris were of relief. They served beer by the liter (about three or four bottles worth per glass). Naturally, these bars charged a six-pack price.

Paris itself is a great city with a great nightlife. To do Paris right, follow these rules: Avoid the St. Charles Hotel, use the Metro, buy foreign beers.

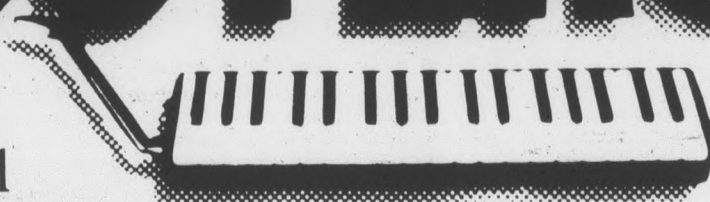
Nice, way down in the south of France, is a great city and the denizens are friendly. You can't beat the French Riviera for a party. Monte Carlo, Cannes, St. Tropez, Nice—great beaches and they're topless to boot. Tan all day, drink all night. Beer is served by the bottle and French beer is suddenly great stuff when the atmosphere (and company) is right.

One last note on Nice. The

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GW food costs higher than other area schools

by Rich Katz
Executive Editor

It's a bargain to eat at nearby Georgetown University, where students can pay \$740 for 19 meals per week for a semester. At American University, the same number of meals is given an \$817 price tag. GW, on the other hand, this year has abandoned the 19-meal plan for a \$1,000, 14-meal plan designed to allow students more control over the amount of money spent.

At GW, freshmen and sophomores are required to be on either the 14-, 10-, or seven-meal requirement, which can be utilized only at the second floor Marvin

Center and Thurston Hall cafeterias. Students may only use their meal cards during specified hours at these locations.

GW introduced the plan approximately five months ago in an attempt to switch to the declining balance system. The declining balance amount, which is included in the price of the meal plan, designates a specific amount of money on the meal card for use at all food service operations, including First Floor Marvin Center cafeteria [Market Square], George's Rathskeller and the Mitchell Hall cafeteria (the Courtyard Cafe). Students are allowed to use this balance at any

time during operation hours of these three cafeterias. Also, the declining balance is valid any time during the academic year, including break periods during which the contract food service is closed.

For 14 meals a week, GW students pay a yearly cost of \$2,000, and receive a declining balance of \$340 per year. Ten meals a week cost \$1,940 and give the student a yearly balance of \$345. The seven-meal plan costs \$1,890 with \$260 designated for declining balance. The Gold Card functions similar to a credit card on a declining balance basis.

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Georgetown Dining, a subsidiary of the Marriott Corp., in addition to its 19-meal plan, offers a 14-meal plan for \$700 a semester, a seven-meal plan for \$540, and a five-meal plan for \$285. This semester, Georgetown has approximately 3,600 students on one of the meal plans which is "100 percent voluntary," according to Georgetown Dining Director John Wolfe. Freshmen and sophomores are not required to be contracted with a food service. Georgetown offers two dining facilities, one for cash customers and one where a meal card offers students an "all-you-can-eat" option.

American's Marriott Dining Service offers six options to its students. In addition to the 19-meal plan, the 14-meal plan, the most popular option, costs \$790 a semester, while the 10-meal weekday plan costs \$703, the five-meal weekday plan costs \$423, and the five-meal, Monday through Friday lunch plan goes for \$326. Like Georgetown, freshmen and sophomores are not required to subscribe to a plan. American also offers students Americard, which is similar to GW's Gold Card. According to Marriott's Office Manager Tajuan Hill, 85 percent of the students eat at one of the five dining locations.



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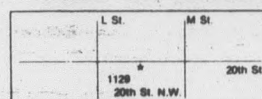
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Future use of Marvin Center ground floor space in question

by Sue Sutter
News Editor

Empty space in the newly renovated ground floor of the Marvin Center will not house private commercial enterprises, Marvin Center Director Boris Bell said Thursday.

Bell said the Marvin Center Governing Board had originally submitted a plan to the University Planning Office that would allow outside commercial enterprises to rent the ground floor space. "We assumed without any such indication that this plan would be followed through," Bell said.

However, Bell said the Board was informed by the Treasurer's office near completion of the project that such outside commercial enterprises would pose a problem to the University. "Commercial spaces are not permissible within the framework of the University's tax-exempt status," Bell said.

Chairman of the Governing Board Buddy Lesavoy said, "What goes in there [ground floor] can't be purely commercial/retail. We're trying to

work around a multi-faceted set of problems and concerns," including zoning regulations, neighborhood restrictions, and tax legalities, he said.

Bell said that Saga and the bookstore are in-house enterprises that have expressed interest in occupying the ground floor space. "We've had an indication of interest on the part of Saga in developing a supplemental food service in one of these spaces," he said. "We do not have a formal proposition before us at this particular time."

Bell said there were considerations of having a varsity shop, a branch of the bookstore, occupy the space, but he doubts this will happen. "The store is at this particular time not ready to consider this because of financial considerations," he said.

Bell said that renovations to the ground floor space have not been completed, adding that the walls, ceiling and floor remain unfinished and that it would probably be a substantial amount of time before any services would occupy that area. He doubted if

anything would occupy the space by January 1, but "I wouldn't rule it out altogether."

Lesavoy said that the space is not being completed until the incoming services are identified. "We don't want to spend any more student money until" we know what is filling that space, he said.

The ground floor renovations are part of an ongoing, five-year building improvement plan. Also refurbished were the First Floor Market Square, Continental Ballroom and the University Club, which is halfway through a two-stage renovation process.

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Banquet is a huge success among GW Class of 1990

by Sue Sutter
News Editor

Approximately 400 members of the Class of 1990 were dined and entertained at the ninth annual Freshman Banquet, held Thursday night in the Marvin Center.

The banquet, sponsored by the Student Activities Office, gave freshmen a chance to socialize in a semi-formal atmosphere. "It's an

orientation program," Assistant Director of Student Activities Ellen Fancher said.

The evening began with a dinner of roasted side of beef, fresh fruit salad, and various side dishes. "The food is fine, just like the University Club food," said a portly GWUSA President Adam Freedman, who was a special guest at the banquet.

"The food's really good compared to what we usually have to eat," freshman Scott Brees said. "It's a nice change."

"It's better than Colonial Commons," freshman Carol Blymire said.

After dinner, Director of Student Activities Claudia Dericotte raffled off coupons for free Domino's Pizzas, tickets to

the Emo Phillips and Hooters concerts, a two-night Luxury Weekend at One Washington Circle Hotel, and a chance to be taken out to lunch by Vice President for Student Affairs William P. Smith at Le Gaulo restaurant on Pennsylvania Ave.

Students were entertained by the "Campus Entertainers of the Year" comedian To Parks.

Parks, whose material is geared toward college students, noted the current social status that freshmen have. "Three months ago, you were top of the heap and now you're worms again!"

Parks tried to give the freshmen first-hand advice about college. "You don't have to look like freshmen. Try to sound like upperclassmen. It's easy, just shorten everything in your speech."

Freshmen enjoyed the show and the entire evening. "It's a nice change from most banquet because it's not formal or stuffy, and you can enjoy yourself," Harry Hincken said.

"I thought it was a really nice idea," Diane Brandl said.

The few upperclassmen who were invited to attend the event were impressed, too. "I think it's nice. A lot of freshmen will meet other new freshmen [tonight]," GWUSA Executive Vice President Scott Sherman said. Sherman, a senior, said he regretted not coming to the event as a freshman. "I probably ate Saga that night," he said.



Vice President William Smith smiles at the idea of taking yet another student to lunch.

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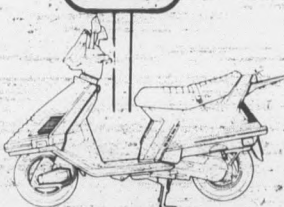
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With Bum Phillips and Richard Todd out of the picture, New Orleans finally has a chance to gain a winning record. Meanwhile, Atlanta will be lucky just to get a chance at a win.

Turning to the AFC, look for New England again in the East. The Patriots improved on an already talented product with the additions of Reggie Dupard and Mike Ruth. Tony Eason is finally

confident as an NFL starter, and there is no better corps of linebackers in the Conference. As long as the players stay off police blotters and on the gridiron, the division flag will fly over Massachusetts. **AFC East: New England.**

Sorry, Jet fans but you'll have to settle for second and a wildcard spot. The talent is there, the coaching is not. Miami still has the AFC's, and possibly the NFL's, best offense behind All-Universe Dan Marino, but the Dolphins are vulnerable to the run. The pre-season defensive purge will not eliminate what will

be a tragic flaw. The division's other two members? Gary Hogeboom and Jim Kelly are not the second coming (despite what Kelly says) so their will be no winning seasons in Buffalo and Indianapolis.

Picking a winner in the AFC Central is no easy task. The teams are so evenly mediocre that they comprise a very competitive division. The winner here, however, is Cleveland. The reasons are the running game and a good defense. **AFC Central: Cleveland.**

Pittsburgh has made very few improvements on a hurting squad. Cincinnati has too many questions

and seems to be in confusion (besides, the QB is named Boomer). Houston could reach .500 if Warren Moon rises to his talent level. No wild cards here.

Finally, the AFC West is where I really go out on a limb. The Raiders won't be in the playoff picture this year. My surprise pick for the division title is Seattle. The Seahawks have come close recently but no cigar. The time to get over the hump is now. The defense is a virtually unknown gem. The offense is very good and will only get better with the return of running back Curt Warner. **AFC West: Seattle**

What of the last wildcard spot? Give it to the Broncos. John Elway's maturity is complete, and Denver has only improved itself during the off-season. They'll edge the Raiders, who will learn you can't count on Jim Plunkett for too long. Age has caught up to him. When he's gone, who do you have? Marc Wilson? Get serious. Kansas City could challenge for the wildcard spot with a little luck. San Diego is out in the cold again.

Scott Smith's column appears every Monday. He is managing editor of The GW Hatchet.

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Sports

Colonials Crucify Catholic

GW men's soccer squad dominates Cardinals with 4-1 victory

by Douglas Most
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's men's soccer team easily defeated crosstown rival Catholic University 4-1 Saturday at the loser's field.

The Colonials expected little trouble from the Division III Cardinals, a team that had not even scored off GW in the last two meetings. The winners opened the scoring early in the game and dominated from start to finish.

Glenn Hughes started in goal for the Colonials, and he was immediately staked a one-goal lead. There was a scramble in front of the Catholic goal mouth when the ball popped loose and Colonial forward Paul Boulad knocked it home. The celebration for the goal was short-lived, however, as captain and starting fullback Joe Fimiani was injured on the play. He came out and was replaced by senior Robert Vallese. Fortunately, the injury was not serious, and Fimiani did return in

the second half.

Orville Reynolds, a junior forward for GW, provided constant excitement during the game with his speed, quick feet, and daring style of play. On one play, when he was chasing a ball towards the Catholic goalkeeper, he slid in feet first as the ball and keeper arrived simultaneously. He just missed poking the ball into the goal as it went wide right. Reynolds did eventually score GW's second goal, however, when he picked up a loose ball just outside the keeper box, and sent a low line drive past the diving Catholic keeper, Mike Orscheln.

The condition of the field was below par and also very small, which does not seem suited for the Colonials' fast, wide open style of play. But Assistant Coach Keith Betts seemed happy with the team's first performance. "I'm very pleased with the team," he said. "They did extremely well for



GW's Orville Reynolds slides in vain as Catholic keeper Mike Orscheln gathers in the ball during GW's 4-1 win Saturday.

The GW domination continued in the second half as both

Reynolds and Boulad scored one more goal apiece. Reynolds' goal was assisted by Kenny Emson,

and Boulad's goal was scored on a penalty shot. The scoring was completed when Catholic converted a corner kick into a goal scored by Mike McGarvey to bring the tally to 4-1.

The manner in which GW dominated the contest was not only reflected in the final score but in other statistics as well. Catholic had two shots on goal to GW's 16, and they also had only two corner kicks to the Colonials' eight.

Betts seemed optimistic about the potential for this team to do well in an area with very tough competition. "We are off to a good start," he said, "and we have a lot of balance and experience," which should help the team in the long run.

The team's next game is a home game against crosstown rival Georgetown. The game will be played Wednesday at the RFK Auxiliary Field behind RFK Stadium.

Spikers take 4th in Houston tourney

The GW volleyball team opened its 1986 season this weekend with a fourth-place showing at the University of Houston Classic in Houston, Texas. The Colonials finished with a 2-2 tournament record.

Despite the .500 mark and the fourth-place finish, it was a very good opener for GW because the Colonials were the only team to beat eventual champion Lamar University. GW came from behind to win a tough five-set match at 13-15, 15-11, 15-7, 5-15

and 15-11. "It was a real high point for us," GW Women's Sports Information Director Rhea Farberman said. "It was a real good win for us at this time in the season."

The tournament opened Friday with GW sweeping West Texas State, 15-3, 15-4, 15-8. Every Colonial player saw action in the match. The fortunes turned later in the afternoon when host Houston stopped GW at 15-6, 15-7, 15-4. "They found holes in our defense," Farberman said.

The next day, GW opened with the victory over Lamar. Once again, however, the day's second match did not prove a successful venture. The Colonials dropped an important contest to Rice University. The win allowed Rice to capture third place in the tourney despite having an identical 2-2 record with GW.

Lamar took the title with Houston claiming the runner-up spot, both with 3-1 records, followed by Rice and GW at 2-2. The Colonials' effort was led by

seniors Anna McWhirter and Corrinne Hensley, who contributed both excellent performances and good leadership, and the play of freshman Carrie Davis, who has earned herself a starting position on a squad with much experience. McWhirter's play earned a her a selection to the All-Tournament team.

GW will open its home season Tuesday night at 7 p.m., when the Colonials take on Virginia in the Smith Center.

-Scott Smith

RESULTS

Men's Soccer
GW 4
Catholic 1

Women's Soccer
William @ Mary 4
GW 0

Volleyball
GW 3
West Texas St. 0

Houston 3
GW 0

GW 3
Lamar 2

Rice 3
GW 0

EVENTS

Volleyball vs. Virginia, Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Smith Center.

Men's Soccer vs. Georgetown, Wednesday, 3 p.m. at RFK Auxiliary Field.

No foolish talk: '86 pro football predictions

As the Seahawks, Redskins rise to top, Raiders fall from playoff picture

A good friend told me this weekend that there is a time when every sportswriter must play the fool and make some predictions. Since the NFL opened play yesterday, now is as good as time as any for me to give my choices for the 1986 football season.

For those of you who are new to GW, I give you a word of warning: This is Redskins' country (as if you didn't already notice). For at least the next 16 weeks and possibly longer you will be barraged with every bit of both important and trivial matter about the 'Skins (mostly the latter type). Well, I've got some good news and bad news for you readers.

The good news is I'll review the NFC East first so you won't have to hear about the 'Skins later in the article. The bad news is Washington is going to be around for more than 16 weeks because the team is going to win the division. That's right. The Redskins will win. I wouldn't have said this a month ago, but then the 'Skins joined the rest of the NFL in a good investment—three dollars down for

all the football players you can grab (courtesy of those fine brokers in the USFL). With the addition of Kelvin Bryant, Angelo Snipes, Clarence Verdin and Ricky Sanders, Washington has the arsenal to take the division. The major questions are at QB and in the defensive backfield. Well, Jay Schroeder will prove he's worthy of an NFL spot, but if he doesn't,

Scott Smith

there's now Doug Williams to step in. Concerning the safeties, last year's crop jelled into a good unit and some new additions could erase any lingering doubts. **NFC East: Washington.**

There is no way Washington can run away with things though. The New York Giants will be right behind the 'Skins in the race and will take a wildcard spot in the playoffs. Dallas will be good but not great because Herschel Walker's presence has caused some turmoil

and because the defense isn't what it used to be. St. Louis could be a darkhorse if the Cardinals can get their act together, and Philadelphia will be the cellar dweller, although a competitive one, because Buddy Ryan can't work miracles (despite what he says).

The NFC Central is again a one-team division. Guess who? Bingo, the Bears will have little trouble in this weak division. **NFC Central: Chicago.**

Detroit could challenge for a wildcard spot if the Lions learn to win on the road. Other than that, it will be a long season for Minnesota, Green Bay and Tampa Bay fans.

Turning to the West, that's gold in San Francisco. The 49ers have added Tom Cousineau and Joe Cribbs to an already overly talented roster plus they have Joe Montana. Enough said. **NFC West: San Francisco.**

The Rams will stay close all season, but L.A. will have to settle for a wildcard spot. (See SMITH, p.18)